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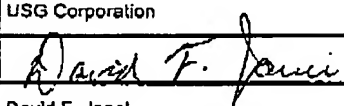
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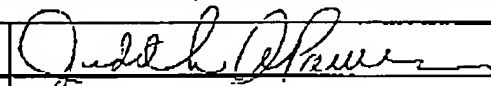
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Date Filed: February 26, 2004	)	
Application No.: 10/789,000	)	Group Art Unit: 1772
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Title: ABUSE-RESISTANT CAST ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE HAVING AN  
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed January 24, 2008, Applicants are submitting a listing of claims for all pending claims including withdrawn claims with the claims set forth on separate pages. Said Notice indicates that the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted.

Applicants have requested further Examination by filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks/arguments as placing the claims in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper. This listing of the  
claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.